

## **IJRU Board of Directors Technical Congress Update October 2018 Oslofjord, Norway**

### **Introduction**

The International Jump Rope Union (IJRU) made a significant step in the merging of FISAC-IRSF and WJRF by convening the first Interim Board of Directors (BOD) meeting and Technical Congress in Oslofjord, Norway on October 3-7, 2018. The week of meetings was highlighted with a great spirit of cordiality and camaraderie that aided in the discussions.

Both the Board of Directors and Technical Congress made tremendous accomplishment while in Norway. Among them was the affirmation of the IJRU constitution and the initial events for the 2020 unified World Championship program.

### **IJRU Interim Board of Directors Meeting Synopsis**

The interim IJRU Board of Directors met for the first time in Oslofjord, Norway. The meetings were very productive and filled with great dialogue that assisted in the unified governance of our sport.

The overall feelings of the attendees can be summed up with the following two quotes by the IJRU's top two leaders:

*"The sense of unification among all the attendees was phenomenal. It assured the fact that no matter who you worked for, FISAC-IRSF or WJRF, we all love our sport and we all want the best for Rope Skipping/ Jump Rope and our athletes."*

- Takashi Ogawa, Executive Vice President: IJRU/President: FISAC-IRSF

*"These unified meetings lifted my spirits. To see everyone working together for our sport only strengthened my confidence in future of Rope Skipping/Jump Rope."*

- Shaun Hamilton, President: IJRU/ President: WJRF

## Board Meeting Synopsis

<b>Meetings Held</b>	Thursday, October 4 – Saturday, October 6, 2018
<b>Venue</b>	Oslofjord Convention Center, Oslofjord, Norway
<b>Purpose</b>	Regular interim board meeting (First board meeting)
<b>Attendees: 2018 Interim Board Members</b>	<p>President – Shaun Hamilton  Executive Vice President – Takashi Ogawa  Secretary General – Rochelle Boggs, Janet Locke  Treasurer – Mike Simpson  Africa – Keolebogile Mokolopo, Elves Tembe  Americas –Sionna Barton, Ernesto Hernandez, Ron Kappert  Asia – Michael Chan, Jay Jukping, Janet Locke  Europe – Silke Fürnschuß, Hanno Kramer  Oceania – Absent</p> <p>Apologies:  Africa – Innocent Philipo  Oceania – Luke Winstanley</p>
<b>Overview of items discussed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*IJRU constitution (approved)</li> <li>*GAISF observer status</li> <li>*2019 Sport Accord convention - Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia (May 2019)</li> <li>*NGB (National Governing Body) potential status with IJRU</li> <li>*Continental organization roles, responsibilities, and duties</li> <li>*Technical Congress items for approval</li> <li>*General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Policy and approach</li> <li>*IJRU Finances; WJRF and FISAC-IRSF Finances</li> <li>*Technical and Specialist Committees</li> </ul>

### **IJRU Constitution Link**

IJRU is happy to share the latest version of the IJRU Constitution. We are excited to establish a solid governance structure that will guide our sport.

Click on one of the following links below to access the IJRU Constitution.

Constitution is also available on IJRU website.

**Link:** <http://files.constantcontact.com/cccc0785701/86d3624f-6a25-4e32-9d5b-e07219a327f3.pdf>

### **IJRU Approved Member Countries Overview**

At the October 5, 2018 IJRU Interim Board of Directors meeting in Norway, the Board conducted business regarding the assessment of Countries for membership into IJRU. The Countries assessed were those who met the following criteria:

- Associated with either FISAC-IRSF or WJRF,
- Those in good standing with FISAC-IRSF and WJRF on March 1, 2018 and
- Those FISAC-IRSF or WJRF Countries who by written letter indicated that they wished to be assessed for membership.

39 Countries were approved for membership. These countries are approved in one of three categories, Full Members, Provisional Members, or Observational Status. Specifics regarding country membership into IJRU can be found in C-7 to C-12 of the IJRU Constitution. All countries making assessment into IJRU will receive a letter in the coming weeks from the Co-Secretary Generals of IJRU regarding your respective status. Their status will be discussed along with additional information that may or may not be needed. Membership fees will be communicated in due course. Please note membership is subject to fee payment. Our member countries will be listed in the near future when all paperwork is complete. Congratulations to all of the International Jump Rope Union Member Countries!

Number of countries by continent are as follows:

<b>Continent</b>	<b># of Member Countries</b>
Africa	6
Asia	14
Europe	9
Americas	9
Oceania	1

35 additional countries are currently in the process of document submission and consideration. In total our jump rope/rope skipping community has 74 Countries working to grow the sport of jump rope/rope skipping.

### **2019 IJRU Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The 2019 IJRU AGM will be held July 10, 2019 in Norway. There will be additional information provided when available. We look forward to welcoming IJRU members to our first Annual General Meeting.

### **2019 World Jump Rope Federation Championship**

IJRU encourages the jump rope/ rope skipping community to participate in the 2019 WJRF Championship event at the Oslofjord Convention Center near Melsomvik, Norway during the dates July 3-12, 2019. This will be the last separate championship held prior to the first joint IJRU event in 2020. This event will be crucial in propelling the sport forward as the IJRU will be comprised of the joint financial resources of both FISAC-IRSF and WJRF. Information about this event can be found at [www.worldjumprope.org](http://www.worldjumprope.org).

### **Technical Congress Update**

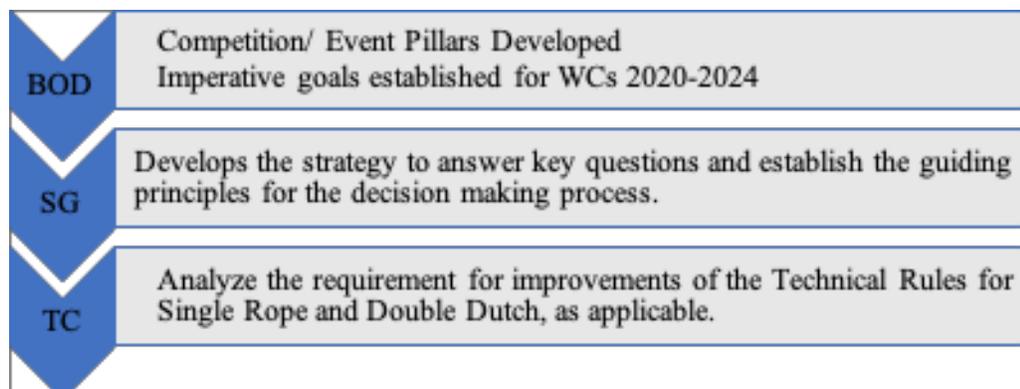
The Technical Congress is chartered with building the IJRU rule set and competition structure for the 2020 IJRU Championships and beyond. The Technical Congress builds on the earlier work of the IJRU Strategy Group which outlined underlying principles and elements of a winning routine. The Strategy Group also created the IJRU Stakeholder Survey which the Technical Congress is using in their process. The Technical Congress is supported by two groups, The strategy group and the Board of Directors of IJRU. See the roles and responsibilities of each group below.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
IJRU Board Of Directors	Define the values of which all IJRU sanctioned events should strive to achieve. Provide goals that steer the organization and sport. Final approval of the rules that come from the Technical Congress.
Strategy Group	Developing the strategy to achieve and fulfill the values and/or goals from the Board Of Directors. Develop the strategy/ plan for when one value is in conflict with another.
Technical Congress	Analyze the requirement for improvements of the Technical Rules for Single Rope and Double Dutch, as applicable.

### Decision Making Process

The decision-making process of the unification process of FISAC-IRSF and WJRF competition rule set will be as follows;



The IJRU Working Group/Board of Directors offered the following Competition/Event values to aid the Strategy Group and Technical Congress in the unification of our respective World Championships. These values should serve a high ideal and a “backdrop” to the discussions. In all sanctioned IJRU events, these values should apply.

Pillar	Definition	Key Factors
<b>Solidarity</b>	IJRU affirms that its competitions/events should work to unite and strengthen the sport of jump rope/ rope skipping. Bringing its global member federations together on a shared philosophy of common good and harmony.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NGB Harmony</li> <li>• Unification of Rule Set</li> <li>• Promote Sportsmanship</li> </ul>
<b>Integrity</b>	We affirm that we should strive for integrity in all IJRU competitions/events such that members federation athletes, judges, officials, audiences, etc. has trust and confidence in the resulting outcome. Establish an accountability and commitment to fair play.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scoring – Integrity</li> <li>• Judging – Integrity</li> <li>• Fair Play – Anti-doping</li> </ul>
<b>Visibility</b>	Our competitions/ events should strive to enhance the visibility of our athletes’ talents and personalities. Expose and create access of our sport to a wide diverse audience so others might see themselves in our sport. Strive to attract, engage and retain fans of our sport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live and screen experience</li> <li>• Entertainment</li> <li>• Fan engagement and activation</li> </ul>

<b>Sustainability</b>	We affirm that our competitions/events should be sustainable in various areas that will allow our sport to be enjoyed for the generations to come.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athlete safety</li> <li>• Financial performance</li> </ul>
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### Technical Congress Introduction

It is with great pleasure to introduce the IJRU Technical Congress and supporting groups. The members of the Technical Congress were selected and approved by the IJRU working group, the FISAC-IRSF Board of Directors and the WJRF Board of Directors. The goal of the selection was to combine a passion for the future of the sport with an understanding of the best practices of the sport in the major organizations that exist today. The goal is to create a competition structure and rule set with a united vision of the future of the sport, while retaining the best of the past as much as possible.

In advance of convening the IJRU Technical Congress, a Technical Strategy Working Group was convened to prepare resources for the Technical Congress.

### Strategy Working Group Members

<i>Member</i>	<i>Country</i>
Pieter Himpe	Belgium
Jannike Kristensen	Denmark
Luke Boon	Australia
Andrej Kyselica	USA

### The inaugural members of the IJRU Technical Congress are:

<b>Subcommittees</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Country</b>
<b>Technical Integration</b>	Andrej Kyselica (Chairperson)	USA
	Svante Bengston	Sweden
<b>Judges &amp; Officials</b>	Mia Mønster	Denmark
	Zhang Yan	China
	Monica Foster	USA
<b>Double Dutch</b>	Luke Boon	Australia
	Jun Haratake	Japan
	Carly Simpson	Canada
	Elves Tembe	Mozambique
<b>Single Rope</b>	Sebastian Deeg	Germany
	Taryn Hodgson	Australia

	Liv Murmark	Sweden
	Sadatoshi Watanabe	Japan

### Technical Congress Timeline

- October (now): Formal announcement of events for the IJRU 2020 Championships, Launch of the IJRU Technical Congress Blog.
- October - January 2019: Weekly communication on the IJRU Technical Congress Blog and collection of feedback on important topics. Formal public releases of portions of the draft IJRU Rule Set
- January 2019: Complete release of the 2019 IJRU Rule Set and 2020 Competition Structure

We are excited for this next step in our sport and looking forward to our first IJRU competitions in 2020! **We encourage you to join us in the conversation weekly on the at <https://tc.ijru.org>.**